

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

## THE COALITION TO PROTECT PUGET SOUND HABITAT,

Case No. C16-0950RSL

Plaintiff,

V.

U.S. ARMY CORPS. OF ENGINEERS, *et al.*,

## Defendants,

and

## TAYLOR SHELLFISH COMPANY, INC.,

## Intervenor - Defendant.

## CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY,

Plaintiff,

V.

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, *et al.*,

## Defendants.

and

## PACIFIC COAST SHELLFISH GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

### Intervenor - Defendant.

Case No. 17-1209RSL

**ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO  
FILE AMICUS BRIEF**

This matter comes before the Court on the motion of the Squaxin Island Tribe and the

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe for leave to file an amicus brief addressing the appropriate remedy

1 in the above-captioned cases. "District courts frequently welcome amicus briefs from non-parties  
2 concerning legal issues that have potential ramifications beyond the parties directly involved or  
3 if the amicus has unique information or perspective that can help the court beyond the help that  
4 the lawyers for the parties are able to provide." NGV Gaming, Ltd. v. Upstream Point Molate,  
5 LLC, 355 F. Supp.2d 1061, 1067 (N.D. Cal. 2005) (internal quotation marks and citations  
6 omitted). In the circumstances presented here, information regarding the impact of potential  
7 remedial options on the Tribes' exercise of their treaty rights and shellfish aquaculture activities  
8 is not likely to be presented by the party defendants or existing intervenors and may be helpful to  
9 the Court's equitable considerations.

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13 For all of the foregoing reasons, the request for leave to file an amicus brief is  
14 GRANTED. The Court will consider the Tribes' submissions regarding the appropriate relief for  
15 the agency's unlawful actions, Dkt. # 62-1 in C16-950RSL and Dkt. # 78-1 in C17-1209RSL.

17 Dated this 31st day of October, 2019.

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19 Robert S. Lasnik  
20 United States District Judge

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